REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2, 16-25 and 30. Claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended to be process claims dependent on claim 30, which the Examiner has allowed, and claim 29 has been canceled.

Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Claim 30 was allowed; however, claims 2, 16-25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 197 40 682 in view of Molnar et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,507,845. Claim 25 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE '682 as modified by Molnar et al. and further in view of Milstein U.S. Patent No. 4,941,282 for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in order to expedite this case, Applicant has amended claims 2 and 16-25 to be process claims dependent on claim 30, and has canceled claim 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted

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